

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A method for allowing a porthole engine to deliver unrequested content to users that access requested content through the porthole engine, the method comprising the steps of:
receiving, from a browser executing on a client, an initial request for requested content;
wherein said initial request is received at said porthole engine;
wherein said client is connected to a network through said porthole engine;
wherein said requested content resides on an origin server located separate from said porthole engine on said network; and
said porthole engine responding to said initial request by sending frame data[[,]] to said client, ~~data generated by the porthole engine;~~
~~wherein, when said porthole engine responds to said initial request, said porthole engine has not yet obtained any copy of said requested content from said origin server;~~
wherein the frame data causes the client to re-request said requested content; [[and]]
wherein the frame data causes said requested content and said unrequested content to appear on a display screen of said client;
wherein the frame data defines a plurality of frames;
wherein the plurality of frames includes a first set of one or more frames and a second set of one or more other frames; and

wherein the frame data further specifies that said requested content is to be displayed in said first set of one or more frames, and that said unrequested content is to be displayed in said second set of one or more other frames.

2. (previously presented) The method of Claim 1 wherein the requested content includes a web page, and wherein the porthole engine causes the web page to be encapsulated within a paneled frame.
- 3-6. (canceled)
7. (original) The method of Claim 1 wherein:
said requested content appears on a first portion of a content display region of said browser; and
said unrequested content appears on a second portion of said content display region of said browser.
8. (canceled)
9. (original) The method of Claim 1 wherein said porthole engine determines the format in which to display said requested content and said unrequested content based on one or more factors including at least one of differences in browsers, components of requested web pages, and versions of the browsers.

10. (canceled)
11. (currently amended) The method of Claim [[10]]_1 further comprising the steps of:
the porthole engine receiving a series of subsequent requests from the browser in
response to the browser decoding said frame data, said series of subsequent
requests including a second request for said requested content; and
the porthole engine responding to said second request for said requested content by
requesting said requested content from said origin server and delivering said
requested content to said browser.
12. (original) The method of Claim 11 wherein said porthole engine determines that said
second request for said requested content is not an initial request for said requested
content by using information contained in the URL associated with said initial request
and with said second request.
13. (currently amended) The method of Claim [[10]]_1 wherein:
said porthole engine determines that said initial request is not a request for an
embedded item by using information contained in the URL associated with
said initial request and with said second request; and
the step of sending frame data is performed in response to determining that said initial
request is not a request for an embedded item.

14. (currently amended) The method of Claim 1 wherein the step of sending frame data to said client includes the step of rewriting a link in an embedded frame document to affect frame behavior.
15. (original) The method of Claim 14 wherein the step of rewriting a link includes the step of changing a target attribute of the link.
16. (original) The method of Claim 1 wherein:
said porthole engine determines that said initial request is not a request for an
embedded item by using information contained in the URL associated with
said initial request and with said second request; and
said porthole engine sends data that causes said unrequested content to appear on a
portion of said content display region of said browser in response to
determining that said initial request is not a request for an embedded item.
17. (original) The method of Claim 1 further comprising the step of using information about a particular user to tailor the unrequested content to that particular user.
18. (original) The method of Claim 17 wherein the information about the particular user is selected from a group consisting of:
information available to owners of the porthole engine;
information about the requested content; and

a combination of the information available to the owners of the porthole engine and
the information about the requested content.

19. (original) The method of Claim 1 further comprising the step of identifying the users to personalize the unrequested content.
20. (original) The method of Claim 19 wherein the step of identifying the users is performed by a method selected in a group consisting of:
attaching cookies to web pages that are browsed by a particular user;
observing the radius authentication transactions and the resulting network address assigned to the client;
tracking network addresses assigned to the users; and
authenticating the users.
21. (original) The method of Claim 1 wherein the requested content includes a web page form, and the unrequested content includes information that automatically fills in one or more fields of said web page form.
22. (original) The method of Claim 21 including the step of automatically filling in said one or more fields of said web page form upon determining that a web page being delivered through said porthole engine is associated with said web page form and is registered in the porthole engine as fillable.

23. (original) The method of Claim 21 wherein the information that automatically fills in one or more fields of said web page form is provided by a database coupled to the porthole engine.
24. (original) The method of Claim 1 wherein the porthole engine restricts access to particular web pages by using content filtering technology based on identities of the users.
25. (currently amended) A computer-readable medium bearing instructions for allowing a porthole engine to deliver unrequested content to users that access requested content through the porthole engine, the computer-readable medium comprising instructions for performing the steps of:
- receiving, from a browser executing on a client, an initial request for requested content;
- wherein said initial request is received at said porthole engine;
- wherein said client is connected to a network through said porthole engine;
- wherein said requested content resides on an origin server located separate from said porthole engine on said network; and
- said porthole engine responding to said initial request by sending frame data[[,]] to said client, ~~data generated by the porthole engine;~~
- ~~wherein, when said porthole engine responds to said initial request, said porthole engine has not yet obtained any copy of said requested content from said origin server;~~

wherein the frame data causes the client to re-request said requested content; [[and]]
wherein the frame data causes said requested content and said unrequested content to
appear on a display screen of said client;
wherein the frame data defines a plurality of frames;
wherein the plurality of frames includes a first set of one or more frames and a second
set of one or more other frames; and
wherein the frame data further specifies that said requested content is to be displayed
in said first frame, and that said unrequested content is to be displayed in said
one or more other frames.

26. (previously presented) The computer-readable medium of Claim 25 wherein the requested content includes a web page, and wherein the porthole engine causes the web page to be encapsulated within a paneled frame..

27-30. (canceled)

31. (original) The computer-readable medium of Claim 25 wherein:
said requested content appears on a first portion of a content display region of said browser; and
said unrequested content appears on a second portion of said content display region of said browser.

32. (canceled)

33. (original) The computer-readable medium of Claim 25 wherein said porthole engine determines the format in which to display said requested content and said unrequested content based on one or more factors including at least one of differences in browsers, components of requested web pages, and versions of the browsers.
34. (canceled)
35. (currently amended) The computer-readable medium of Claim ~~[[34]]~~ 25 further comprising instructions for performing the steps of:
- the porthole engine receiving a series of subsequent requests from the browser in response to the browser decoding said frame data, said series of subsequent requests including a second request for said requested content; and
- the porthole engine responding to said second request for said requested content by requesting said requested content from said origin server and delivering said requested content to said browser.
36. (original) The computer-readable medium of Claim 35 wherein said porthole engine determines that said second request for said requested content is not an initial request for said requested content by using information contained in the URL associated with said initial request and with said second request.

37. (currently amended) The computer-readable medium of Claim ~~[[34]]~~ 35 wherein:
said porthole engine determines that said initial request is not a request for an
embedded item by using information contained in the URL associated with
said initial request and with said second request; and
the step of sending frame data is performed in response to determining that said initial
request is not a request for an embedded item.
38. (currently amended) The computer-readable medium of Claim 25 wherein the step of
sending frame data to said client includes the step of rewriting a link in an embedded
frame document to affect frame behavior.
39. (original) The computer-readable medium of Claim 38 wherein the step of rewriting a
link includes the step of changing a target attribute of the link.
40. (original) The computer-readable medium of Claim 25 wherein:
said porthole engine determines that said initial request is not a request for an
embedded item by using information contained in the URL associated with
said initial request and with said second request; and
said porthole engine sends data that causes said unrequested content to appear on a
portion of said content display region of said browser in response to
determining that said initial request is not a request for an embedded item.

41. (original) The computer-readable medium of Claim 25 further comprising instructions for performing the step of using information about a particular user to tailor the unrequested content to that particular user.
42. (original) The computer-readable medium of Claim 41 wherein the information about the particular user is selected from a group consisting of:
information available to owners of the porthole engine;
information about the requested content; and
a combination of the information available to the owners of the porthole engine and the information about the requested content.
43. (original) The computer-readable medium of Claim 25 further comprising instructions for performing the step of identifying the users to personalize the unrequested content.
44. (original) The computer-readable medium of Claim 43 wherein the step of identifying the users is performed by a method selected in a group consisting of:
attaching cookies to web pages that are browsed by a particular user;
observing the radius authentication transactions and the resulting network address assigned to the client;
tracking network addresses assigned to the users; and
authenticating the users.

45. (original) The computer-readable medium of Claim 25 wherein the requested content includes a web page form, and the unrequested content includes information that automatically fills in one or more fields of said web page form.
46. (original) The computer-readable medium of Claim 45 including instructions for performing the step of automatically filling in said one or more fields of said web page form upon determining that a web page being delivered through said porthole engine is associated with said web page form and is registered in the porthole engine as fillable.
47. (original) The computer-readable medium of Claim 45 wherein the information that automatically fills in one or more fields of said web page form is provided by a database coupled to the porthole engine.
48. (original) The computer-readable medium of Claim 25 wherein the porthole engine restricts access to particular web pages by using content filtering technology based on identities of the users.
49. (currently amended) A computer system comprising:
a client;
at least one origin server; and
a porthole engine;

wherein said porthole engine is operatively coupled between the client and the at least one origin server through a network;

wherein said porthole engine is configured to deliver unrequested content to users of said client that access requested content that resides at said at least one origin server through said porthole engine; and

wherein upon a user using said client to initiate an initial request for said requested content through said porthole engine, ~~said client is configured to receive, from a browser executing on said client, said initial request;~~ and said porthole engine is configured:

to receive said initial request from said browser, and

to respond to said initial request by sending, to said client, frame data

~~generated by the porthole engine, wherein, when said porthole engine responds to said initial request, said porthole engine has not yet obtained any copy of said requested content from said origin server,~~ wherein the frame data causes the client to re-request said requested content, ~~[[and]]~~ wherein the frame data causes said requested content and said unrequested content to appear on a display screen of said client, wherein the frame data defines a plurality of frames, wherein the plurality of frames includes a first set of one or more frames and a second set of one or more other frames, and wherein the frame data further specifies that said requested content is to be displayed in said first frame, and that said unrequested content is to be displayed in said one or more other frames.

50. (previously presented) The system of Claim 49 wherein the requested content includes a web page, and wherein the porthole engine causes the web page to be encapsulated within a paneled frame.

51-54. (canceled)

55. (original) The system of Claim 49 wherein:
said requested content appears on a first portion of a content display region of said browser; and
said unrequested content appears on a second portion of said content display region of said browser.

56. (canceled)

57. (original) The system of Claim 49 wherein said porthole engine is further configured to determine the format in which to display said requested content and said unrequested content based on one or more factors including at least one of differences in browsers, components of requested web pages, and versions of the browsers.

58. (canceled)

59. (currently amended) The system of Claim ~~[[58]]~~49 wherein the porthole engine is further configured:
- to receive a series of subsequent requests from the browser in response to the browser decoding said frame data, said series of subsequent requests including a second request for said requested content; and
- to respond to said second request for said requested content by requesting said requested content from said at least one origin server and delivering said requested content to said browser.
60. (original) The system of Claim 59 wherein said porthole engine is further configured to determine that said second request for said requested content is not an initial request for said requested content by using information contained in the URL associated with said initial request and with said second request.
61. (currently amended) The system of Claim ~~[[58]]~~49 wherein:
- said porthole engine is further configured to determine that said initial request is not a request for an embedded item by using information contained in the URL associated with said initial request and with said second request; and
- said porthole engine sending frame data is performed in response to determining that said initial request is not a request for an embedded item.

62. (original) The system of Claim 49 wherein said porthole engine is further configured:
to determine that said initial request is not a request for an embedded item by using
information contained in the URL associated with said initial request and with
said second request; and
to send data that causes said unrequested content to appear on a portion of said
content display region of said browser in response to determining that said
initial request is not a request for an embedded item.
63. (original) The system of Claim 49 wherein said porthole engine is further configured
to send data to said client to rewrite a link in an embedded frame document to affect
frame behavior.
64. (original) The system of Claim 63 wherein rewriting a link includes changing a target
attribute of the link.
65. (original) The system of Claim 49 wherein said porthole engine is further configured
to use information about a particular user to tailor the unrequested content to that
particular user.
66. (original) The system of Claim 65 wherein the information about the particular user is
selected from a group consisting of:
information available to owners of the porthole engine;
information about the requested content; and

a combination of the information available to the owners of the porthole engine and the information about the requested content.

67. (original) The system of Claim 49 wherein said porthole engine is further configured to identify the users to personalize the unrequested content.
68. (original) The system of Claim 67 wherein said porthole engine to configured to identify the users by a method selected from a group consisting of:
attaching cookies to web pages that are browsed by a particular user;
observing the radius authentication transactions and the resulting network address assigned to the client;
tracking network addresses assigned to the users; and
authenticating the users.
69. (original) The system of Claim 49 wherein the requested content includes a web page form, and the unrequested content includes information that automatically fills one or more fields of said web page form.
70. (original) The system of Claim 69 wherein the porthole engine is further configured to automatically fill in said one or more fields of said web page form upon determining that a web page being delivered through the porthole engine is associated with said web page form and is registered in the porthole engine as fillable.

71. (original) The system of Claim 69 wherein the information that automatically fills in one or more fields of said web page is provided by a database coupled to the porthole engine.
72. (original) The system of Claim 49 wherein the porthole engine to further configured to restrict access to particular web pages by using content filtering technology based on identities of the users.